(b) whether assistance from international agencies has been sought/availed of for this purpose; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF . LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Export of High Value Added Products

3425. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what steps Government have taken to phase out the export of raw materials of low value added products to promote the export of high value added products;

(b) what steps have been taken for the phasing out the export of finished leather to promote export of leather products; and

(c) what steps have been taken to phase out the export of raw and semi-processed granite ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR! NEHRU) : (a) The Export Import Policy is oriented towards achieving higher value addition on exports. Replenishment rates are dependent on value addition. The scheme of 100% Export Oriented Units and Export Processing Zones are founded on the concept of value addition.

(b) A Group was set up by the Government to consider phasing out of export of finished leather so as to promote exports of value added leather products. The Group ! has recommended regulation of export of finished leather over a period of time.

(c) There is no ban on export of granite blocks. However, the respective State Governments have been generally adopting policies that discourage export of raw and I unfinished granite. Under the scheme of 100% Export Oriented Units, approval for schemes in the granite sector are accorded on the basis of Optimum value addition and processing.

Clearance of Peddagedda Reservoir Scheme

3426. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Peddagedda reservoir scheme (medium irrigation) in Vizianagram district of Andhra Pradesh has since been cleared by the Central Water Commission;

(b) if so, what are the details therefor; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER FOR TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) :

(a) to (c) The project has been letuined to the State Government in March, 1990, to comply with observations of Central Water Commission, regarding carryover storage, reservoir competency, benefit cost ratio and clearance for submergence of forest land. The State Government has to come up with a modified report

Merger of the cadre of Investigator with the cadre of Technical Assistant in the Office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts)

3427. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALA-VIYA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the cadre of Investigator in the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) has been disturbed with its merger with the cadre of Technical Assistant, defying all norms;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the merger of cadres will adversely affect the promotion avenues of existing Investigators who in fact have not got any promotion for the last 10 years; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) to (c) There has been no merger as such. However, the Technical Assistants in the Metal Scheme have been made eligible

for promotion alongwith the Investigators to the cadre of Handicrafts Promotion Officer. Simultaneously, the quota for pro- motion to the post of Handicrafts Promotion Officer has been raised from 40% to 50%. As a result, the promotion prospects of investigators has not been disturbed adversely.

Setting up of a Joint Bank by India and USSR

3428. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a proposal to set up a joint bank with Soviet Union to facilitate trade between the two countries was considered in the meeting held with the Soviet Trade Minister recently; and

(b) if so. what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU) : (a) and (b) No proposal to set up a loint Bank between India and the Soviet Union is under consideration of the two Governments. A general suggestion of this nature was made by the Soviet side but no specific details were provided.

Report of India's Foreign Debt Received from Asian Development Bank

3429. SHRI A JIT P. K. JOGI :

KUMARI ALIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received detailed report from the Asian Development Bank regarding India's foreign debt;

(b) whether suggestions have been re- ceived from the Asian Development Bank for refurnishing certain data; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and whether the required data have been furnished to the ADB ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) No, Sir. (b) and (c) Does not arise.

Removal of M/s. Zaiwala and Company from the panel of Solicitors

3430. SHRI JAGESH DESAI :

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Zaiwala and Company, Solicitors who were working for Government of India in London for several years have been removed from Government panel; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and the same will be laid on the Table of the House.

Development of Tourism

3431. DR. YELAMANCHILI SDVAJI : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased: to state :

(a) what are the details of funds alio- cated and actually utilised by the Central Government yearwise and Statewise during the last three years for the develoment of tourism;

(b) what are the ongoing tourist projects in Andhra Pradesh sponsored by the Central I Government and how much has been in vested in them during the above period; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to develop Amaravati and Nagarjunasagar in Andhra Pradesh with Japanese aid as Buddhist tourism Centres and also the details of other places to be so developed with lapanese aid ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK) : (a) Central financial assistance is extended to State Governments, project-wise which depends on merit and availability of funds. A statement indicating the amounts sanctioned and released to different States during last three years (1987-88 to 1989-90) is enclosed at annexure. *[See* Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 122].

(b) The list of these projects/schemes is enclosed at Annexure. *[See* Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 123]. During the last three years, an amount of Rs. 167.74 lakhs was released to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for various new and on-going projects.

(c) No, Sir.